



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***4 Different Accounts of the Gospels*** ***Dan Jenkins***

Sometimes individuals ask as to why we have four different accounts of the life of Jesus. Why did God not simply reveal in one book all that Jesus did? One of the reasons is that each of the gospels has a different audience and a different purpose as they write.gospels 4

Luke's audience was Theophilus, whom he addresses as "most excellent." This was a special term used in the first century to give honor to nobility within the government. Both Festus and Felix are addressed in this way (Acts 23:26; 24:3; 26:25). Why did Luke write this gospel? Read his opening words. There were many (obviously, not just Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) who were trying to write what they remembered about Jesus, but Luke says that he had a "... perfect understanding of all things from the very first..." and he was writing to give to Theophilus a precise account.. in the exact order it happened (Luke 1:1, 4).

Why is John so different from the other gospel accounts? Because his purpose is not to focus on chronology, but he selects seven miracles to accomplish his purpose. "Truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31).

Now focus on John's opening paragraph. There is no mention of Jesus' birth, the shepherds, the wise men or Herod. John wanted his readers to be fully convinced that Jesus is the Christ. He goes back to the beginning, to the time before there was the heavens and the earth. Jesus was there. The Word was there; He was with God (Deity), and the Word was Deity. The rest of this book is designed to magnify the Word so that everyone might be fully convinced that Jesus is God.

In that paragraph Jesus is introduced as the One in who was life (1:4). Adam, the first life was created through Jesus ("without Him nothing was made that was made"), but He is even more. His is not just physical life, He is the One through whom all who believe may have eternal, spiritual life (20:31).

But He is even more. He was "...the light of men" (1:4). The world into which He came and this Light "shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (1:5).

He is even more. He is "the true light which gives light to every man" (1:9). He is the "...only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (1:14). While Moses gave the law, "...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17).

As you read your Bible, slow down! Look carefully at every book, every chapter, every paragraph, every sentence, every word! There are heavenly treasures in every word!

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper  
Carleton Kidder, Shirley Puckett  
Carleton Kidder

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,  
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen  
Jeanette Manley, Ruby Malone  
Kenton Lancaster,  
Justin Puckett, Lee Simpson,

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - 4 Blessings Associated  
with the Gospel  
1 Corintyhians 15:1-4

PM - Prophecies Related  
to God's Kingdom  
Isaiah 2"2-4

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Bussiness Meeting  
following AM Service

### **Cards to Send**

Kammanee Family  
PO Box 9 Muang  
Kalasin, Thailand 46000

Carleton & Cindy Kidder  
4995 Highway 45 South  
Finger, TN 38334

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	17
Bible Class	45/10
AM Worship	85/13
PM Worship	49/31
Wed Bible Study	51/8
Contribtion	3589
Budget	4014

### **Food Committee 2nd Quarter**

Janet, Taylor, Doris Joyner

Leah Wages, Clara Williams  
Sharon Turner, Carol Swader  
Loretta Shaw, Sandi Richardson  
Linda Morris, Leslie Long

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Apr 21 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Jerry Butcher

## Apr 28 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Ken Ross

## Apr 24 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Ray Pack

## Apr 24 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM